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TO: Mortgage Broker Commission and Interested Parties

FROM: Chuck Cross, Division Director

SUBJECT: Rulemaking Under Chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act

Engrossed House Bill 2340, passed out of the Senate on February 28, 2006, making significant amendments to the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act). The bill was signed by Governor Gregoire on March 9, 2006. A copy of the bill can be found on the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) website at [www.dfi.wa.gov](http://www.dfi.wa.gov). Under the new law loan originators will be required to pass a test and hold a license in order to continue conducting business in Washington after January 1, 2007. We encourage our mortgage broker licensees to share this letter with their loan originator staff so that they can inform themselves and participate in the process.

DFI intends to begin the rulemaking process under the Act immediately. Director Jarvis has authorized a negotiated rulemaking panel consisting of the Washington Mortgage Broker Commission, myself and Catherine Mele-Hetter of DFI. In addition, DFI staff will provide significant support to the process and panel members. The rulemaking process will take place over the next several months in a series of panel meetings open to the public. The first of these panel meetings will be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2006 at Renton City Hall, Council Chambers, from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** Renton City Hall is located at 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98055. The Council Chambers are on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. We have attached directions with a map (on the back). This first meeting will establish procedures and tasks that must be completed in order to keep the process on a timely course.

The panel, through DFI and the open meetings will accept public comment throughout this process. You will be able to make written comment via a form on DFI's website at [www.dfi.wa.gov](http://www.dfi.wa.gov). You may also e-mail written comment to Jeannette Terry at [jterry@dfi.wa.gov](mailto:jterry@dfi.wa.gov). For recordkeeping purposes we prefer to receive all public comments in a written format, even those that will be delivered orally at the scheduled panel meetings.

This will be the only written correspondence you will receive about the rulemaking process. In the future we will post all notices and information on our website. These postings will include meeting schedules and locations, draft versions of the rules with the latest changes highlighted in yellow for easy reference, and audio recordings of past panel meetings.

If special accommodations due to disability are required for this meeting, please contact this office at (360) 902-8786 before noon on March 23, 2006.

Attachment: Map on the back